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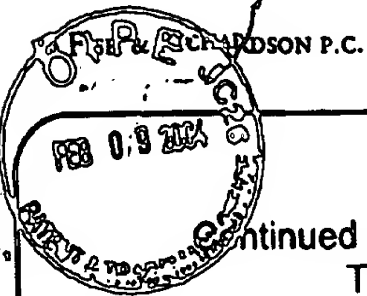
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| Application Number     | 09/931,973        |
| Filing Date            | August 17, 2001   |
| First Named Inventor   | Yousuke Yamada    |
| Group Art Unit         | 1723              |
| Examiner Name          | Krishnan S. Menon |
| Attorney Docket Number | 10417-091001      |

Substitute Form PTO/SB/30 (5-03)

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

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- ii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iv. ☒ Other Petition for Extension of Time
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- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
3. **Fee** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when the RCE is filed.
- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 06-1050
- i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) 02/11/2004 SDENB081 00000053 061050 09931973
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- iii. ☒ Other Any deficiencies
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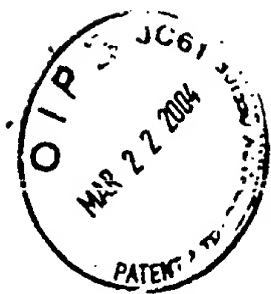
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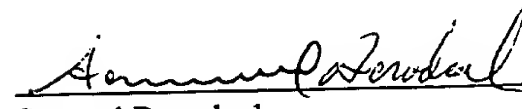
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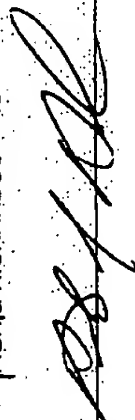
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